

## Bible Chat week starting 6 11 22

Hebrews 1: 1 - 3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

1. Make a list of all that these verses say about the Son of God. How do you respond to their presentation of the Son?
2. Try to make connections between these verses and the current climate crisis.
3. Godfrey mentioned a glacier in Iceland that has completely disappeared. What signs have you noticed that the earth's climate is changing? You might draw from direct personal experience or from things you have learnt elsewhere.
4. To what extent are you convinced that climate change is a very real threat to life on earth, and that human activity is its cause?
5. Humans and their livestock now make up 96% of the earth's biomass. Why is this a problem? Why does biodiversity matter?
6. Reflect on other consequences of climate change. What are they? How worried should we be?
7. Godfrey suggested we can either despair or lament, but that lament leads to hope. Discuss the difference between these two attitudes.
8. Our personal response to climate change, and our response as a church, might not seem that much. Godfrey reminded us of the story of the five loaves and two fish brought to Jesus. How does this story help us?
9. What more can our church do in response to climate change? How might this help our outreach to others, especially to young people? What practical things might we do? (Godfrey spoke of many possibilities: reminding us of the phrase *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle*; and of rewilding projects through conservation communities; and of the personal carbon dioxide offsetting schemes (like Climate Stewards); and of getting involved in groups like ARocha, BUEN, The River Sherbourne Churches Working Group and Anglican resources to help us.)